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SUBJECT: COMECON SUMMIT IN BUCHAREST: FIRST RESULTS

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1. SUMMARY. EYEWITNESS REPORTS FROM WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS
AND EE DIPLOMATS WITH DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF CMEA SUMMIT
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HAPPENINGS LEAVE MANY POINTS UNCLEAR. IN UNUSUAL PUBLIC
FLARE-UP JUNE 29, POLISH PREMIER REFUSED TO SIGN LAST-MINUTE
COMMUNIQUE INSERT ON EC-CMEA ARRANGEMENTS, BUT WE STILL
DO NOT KNOW WHO SUBMITTED IT, WHAT WAS IN IT OR WHETHER
OR NOT IT WAS FINALLY INCLUDED. VOTING RULES APPEAR
NOT TO HAVE BEEN UP FOR OFFICIAL NEGOTIATION AT THIS
SESSION, BUT ROMANIAN PREMIER MANESCU'S SPEECH LAID

STRESS ON ADEQUACY OF CURRENT PROCEDURES ANYWAY. UNSIGNED EDITORIAL ON SESSION IN JULY 2 SCINTEIA ALSO REAFFIRMS ADEQUACY OF PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING PRIMACY OF NATIONAL PLANS AND SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF EACH MEMBER STATE TO CONDUCT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS IT SEES FIT; SCINTEIA ALSO CROWS OVER COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE CONFIRMING EQUALIZATION OF MEMBER-STATE DEVELOPMENT LEVELS AS CMEA GOAL. YUGOSLAVS CLAIM MAIN INTEREST OF SESSION WAS IN CUBAN ATTACKS ON NAM (SIC) AND VIETNAMESE AND MONGOLIAN ATTACKS ON CHINA; VIETNAMESE AND MONGOLIAN SPEECHES WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED. THERE IS ALSO STRONG SUGGESTION ANGOLAN ASSOCIATION WITH CMEA WAS ON "REAL AGENDA," BUT, UNLIKE VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP, WAS NOT RIPE FOR ACTION. FINALLY, MUCH OF "REAL AGENDA" HAD TO INVOLVE ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES, AS SOVIET AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED TO US IN CONFIRMING THAT CRUDE OIL WAS NOT INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM COMPLEX PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

2. EYEWITNESS REPORT OF UNUSUAL BLOWUP OVER EC-CMEA ARRANGEMENTS BY POLISH PREMIER JAROSZEWICA AT FINAL CMEA SUMMIT SESSION STILL LEAVES IMPORTANT QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. MOSCOW REUTERS CORRESPONDENT ROBERT EVANS, WHO WAS THERE, TOLD DCM THAT WHEN ROMANIAN CHAIRMAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN CALLED FOR SIGNATURE OF CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS JUNE 29, JAROSZEWICA BEGAN TO WAVE AN INSERT WHICH HE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING TO DO WITH EC-CMEA
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ARRANGEMENTS AND WHICH POLISH DELEGATION HAD NOT APPROVED. WITH PATAN CONFUSED, AND KOSYGIN "STONY-FACED AS USUAL," BY EVANS' ACCOUNT, SOVIET DELEGATE KATUSHEV WENT FROM DELEGATE TO DELEGATE, AND FINALLY, IN HUDDLE AT PATAN'S CHAIR, IT WAS AGREED COMMUNIQUE AND DECLARATION WOULD BE SIGNED, AND OFFENDING INSERT REMANDED TO EDITORIAL COMMISSION.

3. AS OF JULY 2, IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHETHER ANODYNE PASSAGE ON EC-CMEA IN COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED JUNE 30 DID OR DID NOT CONTAIN INSERT JAROSZEWICZ OBJECTED TO, OR SOME VARIANT. AT JUNE 30 DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS, SOVIET AND POLISH AMBASSADORS AND POLISH DCM CLAIMED JAROSZEWICZ' OBJECTION WAS PROCEDURAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE: INSERT (FORMULATED EITHER BY EDITORIAL COMMISSION OR BY ROMANIANS, DEPENDING ON SOURCE) WAS SUBMITTED WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF DELEGATIONS. EVANS HIMSELF WAS CHEWED OUT FOR ASKING BY CMEA SECRETARY GENERAL FADDAYEV AT JUNE 30 PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT WAS TOLD BY JUNIOR POLISH DIPLOMAT SAME NIGHT THAT INSERT WAS IN FACT ADDITION TO COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE AS PUBLISHED, AND THUS OMITTED FROM FINAL TEXT. POST WILL SEEK TO FOLLOW UP IN COURSE OF NEXT FEW DAYS.

4. RE VOTING RULES, ON OTHER HAND, THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT MATTER WAS NOT OFFICIALLY DISCUSSED AT SESSION, AT LEAST IN ANY SENSE INVOLVING NEGOTIATIONS. ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MANEA MANESCU'S JUNE 28 SPEECH -- FINALLY PUBLISHED IN SCINTEIA JUNE 30 -- STILL LAYS GREAT DEAL OF STRESS ON ADEQUACY OF CURRENT STATUTE AND PROCEDURES, BUT WE SUSPECT HE WAS WHIPPING A HORSE THAT MAY NOT ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN ALIVE THIS YEAR, EVEN IF IT STARTS TO GALLOP AT NEXT YEAR'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY SESSION IN MOSCOW.

5. FACT THAT JAROSZEWICZ' UNUSUAL PUBLIC OUTBURST WAS TOUCHED OFF BY EC-CMEA ISSUE SUGGESTS THIS ISSUE WAS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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FACT IMPORTANT BONE OF CONTENTION, BY CONTRAST TO VOTING RULES. SOVIET AMBASSADOR -- A CPSU CC MEMBER, AFTER ALL -- GAVE DCM INDIRECT CONFIRMATION BY LAUNCHING TIRADE AT JUNE 30 FUNC UION OVER INJUSTICE OF EC'S REFUSING TO DEAL WITH CMEA, AS REAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION. BUT HE CONCLUDED THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO ORGANIZATIONS WILL PROCEED, AS FAR AS CMEA IS CONCERNED, ON "SAME BASIS AS BEFORE."

6. UNSIGNED (AUTHORITATIVE) EDITORIAL ON SESSION IN JULY 2 SCINTEIA LEADS WITH SATISFIED PASSAGE ON CUMMIQUE'S RECONFIRMATION OF GRADUAL EQUALIZATION OF INTRA-CMEA DEVELOPMENT LEVELS AS ORGANIZATION GOAL, BUT QUICKLY PASSES TO ADEQUACY OF CURRENT PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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PLANNING COORDINATION THROUGH CONSULTATIONS IS
"PRINCIPAL METHOD" FOR ORGANIZING COOPERATION, SCINTEIA
WRITES, AND IT IS AN "ADEQUATE METHOD." ROMANIAN DEL
ALSO STRESSES THAT PLANNING COORDINATION ACTIVITY BEGINS
WITH EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL PLAN, ESTABLISHMENT OF
WHICH IS "INALIENABLE ATTRIBUTE OF EACH SOCIALIST STATE'S
SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE." THE "EXISTING
ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEM" FOR MULTILATERAL COLLABORATION
BETWEEN CMEA MEMBER-STATES CREATES THE "NECESSARY
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CONDITIONS" FOR DEVELOPING MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS
ECONOMIC TIES, AND IT WAS "CONFIRMED BY THE DECISIONS OF
THIS SESSION." RE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS,
SCINTEIA GOES ON, CMEA HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN OPEN ORGANIZATION,
AND "OUR COUNTRY" STRESSED THE "NECESSITY TO RESPECT
EVERY MEMBER STATE'S SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DEVELOP DIRECT
EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY (DE SINE
STRATATOR) IN THE FRAMEWORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS."

7. IT MAY ALSO BE THAT PUBLIC FROTH OVER VOTING RULES
AND EVEN EC/CMEA ARRANGEMENTS IS SOMEWHAT BESIDE REAL
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POINT OF SESSIONS. ASKED ABOUT
JAROSZEWICZ BLOWUP, YUGOSLAV DCM SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD
NOT EVEN MENTIONED IT IN READOUT ON SESSION: WHOLE
INTEREST WAS IN CUBAN ATTACKS ON NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(SIC) AND VIETNAMESE AND MONGOLIAN ATTACKS ON CHINA.
CUBAN FORAY WAS OF COURSE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE FOR
YUGOSLAVS, HE SAID. EUTERS CORRESPONDENT EVANS NOTED

THAT NEITHER VIETNAMESE NOR MONGOLIAN SPEECHES HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO PRESS. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT ATTACKS ON OTHER COUNTRIES IN SESSION OF THIS KIND ARE POSITIVE ANATHEMA TO ROMANIANS, ESPECIALLY IN MEETING HOSTED IN BUCHAREST. AND, IN CONFIRMING THAT CRUDE OIL WAS NOT INCLUDED IN LONG-TERM COMPLEX PROGRAM FOR ENERGY ADOPTED IN PRINCIPLE AT SESSION (POINT ABOUT WHICH MANESCU COMPLAINED IN HIS SPEECH), SOVIET AMBASSADOR DILATED ON FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC CHALLENGES TO ALL CMEA COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS FIELD.

8. FINALLY, BEYOND VIETNAMESE MEMBERSHIP, THERE APPEARS ALSO TO HAVE BEEN SOME QUESTION OF ANGOLAN ASSOCIATION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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OR MEMBERSHIP IN CMEA. PORTUGUESE COUNSELOR CLAIMS EANES SPENT THREE DAYS IN BISSAU TALKING NETO OUT OF CMEA TIES, AND EVANS FELT COMMENTS OF ETHIOPIAN DELEGATES WITH WHOM HE SPOKE, WHILE FUZZY ENOUGH, ALSO INDICATED STRONGLY THAT SOME ANGOLAN ASSOCIATION WAS ON THE SESSION'S "REAL AGENDA," BUT DID NOT REACH ACTION STAGE.

9. COMMENT. IN TALKS WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE HOST-COUNTRY OFFICIALS, EE ADDRESSEES MAY WISH TO CONCENTRATE ON (1) CONTENT AND AUTHORSHIP OF EC-CMEA INYYMRT WHICH SO OFFENDED JAROSZEWICZ, AND WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS INCLUDED IN FINAL COMMUNIQUE, (2) PROSPECTS FOR VOTING RULES CHANGES NEXT YEAR IN MOSCOW, (3) CONTENT OF CUBAN, VIETNAMESE AND MONGOLIAN SPEECHES, (4) QUESTION OF ANGOLAN ASSOCIATION, AND (5) PULLING AND HAULING OVER ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES TO 1985 WHICH MUST HAVE GONE ON THROUGHOUT SESSION. OUR PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION IS STILL THAT ROMANIANS MOUNTED VOTING RULES SQUABBLE AS PREEMPTIVE MOVE OR BLOCKING ACTION, OR BOTH, MAINLY TO AVOID REJIGGERING OF CMEA MANDATE FOR EC NEGOTIATIONS WHICH WOULD LIMIT THEIR CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH EC ON BILATERAL BASIS, AND THAT THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL ON BOTH FRONTS. IF SCINTEA IS ANY GUIDE, THEY THEMSELVES FEEL THAT WAY AT THIS POINT. BUT WE TOO WILL KEEP CHECKING. AGGREY

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